His chances of walking grow dim

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SILVER SPRING, Md. — Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace vowed Tuesday to continue his presidential campaign, in a wheelchair if necessary, as he faced possible permanent paralysis of his legs.

Wallace, who was shot at an election-eve rally Monday in nearby Laurel, Md., sent word to reporters through three campaign aides, who held a press conference.

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Wallace's chances of walking again appeared to be getting slimmer by the hour.

Dr. Joseph Schanno, one of six surgeons who operated on Wallace for five hours Monday, said Tuesday that there was "a possibility of permanent paralysis" of the legs.

Schanno said that the surgeons had decided to leave a bullet lodged against Wallaces' spine for the time being for fear that removing it now might worsen the damage to his spine.

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head of the neurological department at the University of Alabama, said Wallace is paralyzed in both lower extremities anda dded:

"The outlook cannot be predicted, but it is not favorable. It would be unusual to get complete recovery under these circumstances."

WALLACE'S wife, Cornelia, said earlier that her husband had no feeling below the waist.

Wallace remained in critical condition, but was moved early Tuesday from the hospital's recovery room to the intensive care section.

Wallace, 52, was in good spirits, his aides said, and was visited by his wife, his four children by his first marriage, and a brother, Circuit Judge Jack Wallace of Clayton, Ala.

THE WALLACE forces still have "a strong, healthy and viable candidate," said Charles Snider, executive national campaign director, at the press conference. He was flanked by Frank Daniel, a campaign field co-ordinator, and Billy Joe Camp, Wallace's press aide.

"No vital organs were damaged," Snider added. "As far as his mental attitude and his mental being, we feel George Wallace will be back with us."

Camp added, "He shows continued improvement and everything looks real good at this time. We remain most encouraged."

ROBERT Lichenstein of New York City, a first cousin of Wallace's wife, said, "The governor is interested in the campaign continuing. I myself heard him say that.

"The governor has showed spirit. Last night the governor attempted to lift his head up and say good night to Cornelia and the children and tell them to get a good night's sleep."

Wallace has received a number of messages from other politicians offering to campaign in his behalf since the shooting, Snider said.

He said the politicians include Sen. John Sparkman (D-Ala.), former Florida Gov. Hayden Burns, Georgia Lt. Gov. Lester Maddox, three Alabama congressmen and nu-

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vows he'll remain

Arthur H. Bremer, wearing glasses and a Wallace button, is shown in the crowd at noon Monday at Wheaton, Md. This is one frame of a motion picture of crowd at rally. (UPI)

Bremer joins in applause Saturday at Kalamazoo.

merous Alabama officials.

Snider said that top officials in Wallace's presidential campaign will meet Friday in Montgomery, Ala., to map strategy.

MRS. WALLACE was provided with a two-bedroom suite on the seventh floor of Holy Cross Hospital. This is the same floor on which her husband was being cared for in an intensive care room.

The Secret Service, FBI and Montgomery County police were sharing a room near Wallace as they maintained a tight guard on him.

Only one relative at a time was permitted to visit him and visits were limited to 10 minutes.

Dr. Schanno said that Wallace was awake and talked to visitors although he was heavily sedated.

But Schanno also held out the possibility that Wallace might leave the hospital in from 5 to 10 days.

While his political adversaries joined in prayers for his recovery, Wallace's supporters in Maryland and Michigan went to the polls to avenge bullets with ballots.

Wallace, who always campaigned from behind a bullet-proof lectern, was expected to win both primaries — his 1972 breakthrough to triumph north of the Mason-Dixon line.

POLICE HELD a young, white Milwaukee man, described as a "loner," in Monday's assassination attempt in a typical shopping center on U.S. 1 here, 35 miles north of Washington.

However police could establish no motive.

The suspect, Arthur Herman Bremer, 21, was being held under tight security in Baltimore. Police said Bremer, who has reddish-blond hair, left his Milwaukee apartment a month ago.

His apartment was found littered with Wallace campaign

in the race

buttons, a Confederate flag and scrawled political quips.

DR. SCHANNO said the surgical team would wait two or three days before deciding what to do about the bullet lodged near Wallace's spine.

Wallace's wife shared Schanno's hope.

"He was talking to me all the time from the accident to the hospital," she said. "I feel very optimistic about him. As you know his nature, he didn't get the title 'the fighting little judge' for nothing" . . .

Doctors said Wallace was hit by either four or five bullets.

BREMER WAS taken before U.S. Magistrate Clarence Goetz in Baltimore Monday night and ordered held under $200,000 bond on charges of shooting Wallace and a Secret Service agent.

The agent, Nicholas Zarvos, underwent six hours of surgery for a bullet wound in the neck and was listed in good condition. Doctors said the bullet damaged Zarvos' voice box.

Alabama state police Capt. E. C. Dothard, who also was shot, was treated for a flesh wound on the right side and released from the hospital.

Dora Thompson, a Wallace campaign worker, suffered a leg wound and was listed in satisfactory condition in Holy Cross Hospital.

Police said they took a five-shot, .38-caliber, snub-nosed revolver from Bremer at the shooting scene.

An FBI spokesman in Washington said Wallace and the other three shooting victims were all wounded by five bullets fired from this weapon.

The spokesman explained that some of the bullets struck Darthard, the Thompson woman and possibly Zarvos either before or after striking Wallace.

WALLACE was shot after he had finished a 38-minute speech at the shopping center and stepped from behind his bullet-proof steel lectern to shake hands with well-wishers in a supermarket parking lot.

Daily News reporter Robert Gruenberg was standing just 10 feet from Wallace when the shooting occurred.

Emmett W. Eaton, a campaign aide, said a man in the crowd called Wallace back as he walked by, shouting: "Hey, George, ain't you going to shake my hand?"

Eaton added, "George turned and walked toward him and that's when he was shot."

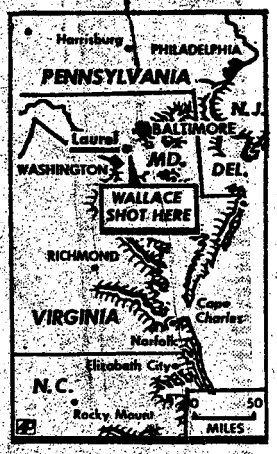
NBC CAMERAMAN Fred Montague said, "I would say that Gov. Wallace walked right into the man's (assailant's) arms."

MRS. WALLACE rushed up and embraced her fallen husband as he lay on the paving. His blood stained her bright yellow jacket, a reminder of Jacqueline Kennedy's embrace of her dying husband nearly nine years ago.

Wallace was placed in a stationwagon and then transferred to an ambulance for the 15-minute expressway drive to Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, just outside Washington.

"He was in pain," Eaton said. "But he was the calmest one in the ambulance."

WITNESSES said the assailant was wearing Wallace buttons and had been seen at other Wallace rallies. The crowd jumped for him almost spontaneously after the shooting.



"He was roughed up pretty bad," one man said later.

Maryland State Atty. Arthur A. Marshall said Bremer was taken to a hospital emergency room with lacerations on the back of his head, but showed no other wounds. Bremer received two hours of X-ray tests and physical and neurological examinations.

U.S. Atty. George Beall said that the revolver recovered from Bremer at the shooting scene was purchased by the suspect in Milwaukee last Jan. 13

WALLACE'S rivals in the Maryland and Michigan primaries, Hubert H. Humphrey and Sen. George S. McGovern (D-S.D.), halted their campaigns.

McGovern asked for "a prayer for the governor's recovery and the healing of our nation." Humphrey, shaken, rushed to the hospital and to Mrs. Wallace's side.

"She is showing great self control," Humphrey said. "I hope I was able to comfort her. I put my arm around her and we talked of their children and our children."

Wallace had actually reached the crest of his campaign in Tuesday's voting in Michigan and Maryland.

His anticipated success Tuesday was expected to put him over the 300 or more delegates he said he would take to the Democratic National Convention.